Customs station at Pangsau Pass in Arunachal Pradesh

2750. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up a customs station at Pangsau Pass in Arunachal Pradesh along the Myanmar border, to promote trade with South East Asia and if so, by when; and

(b) whether Government propose to restore Stilwell Road from Ledo in Arunachal Pradesh to Mytikyina in Myanmar, to facilitate trade with ASEAN countries; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Joint Trade Committee Meeting held on 12.05.2006 has *inter alia* mandated both the Government of India and the Government of Myanmar to initiate necessary action for reviewing of the opening of the third border at Pangsau Pass. However Myanmar side has indicated that creation of infrastructure at Pangsau Pass could take sometime.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Trade between India and China through Nathu La Pass

2751. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which items are proposed to be traded between India and China through Nathu La Pass; and

(b) what would be the likely benefit to the neighbouring State of Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The import and export of the following